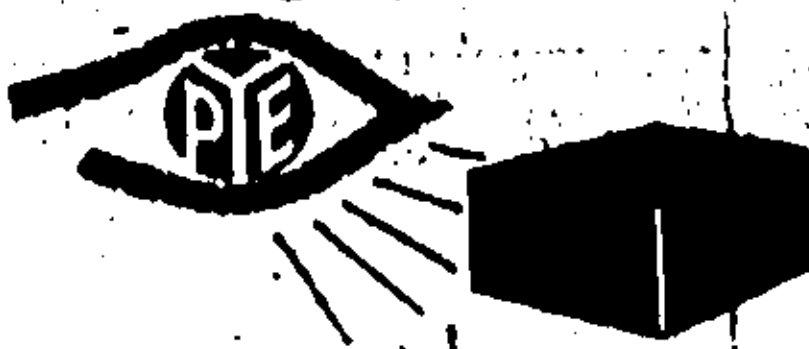


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### COMMENT OF THE DAY

#### Malenkov Replies

FOR the second time since he became Premier of the Soviet Union Mr Malenkov has replied to a series of questions sent by a correspondent. But the answers he gave this time are more important than those he gave in 1954. Those were little more than platitudes. This is a statement of policy on more definite matters and calls for careful study. Not that it contains anything new, either by way of comment or of proposal. It is a reaffirmation of things that have been said over and over again during the past year by Mr Molotov, but that in itself is important and as the year advances Soviet policy remains precisely where it was. Nor is the tone perceptibly different from that of the Soviet Foreign Minister's recent notes and utterances. Mr Malenkov repeats accusations that Mr Molotov made at the Berlin conference and which he has made many times since. America is charged with "preparation for another war", this by the "resurrection of a renege-seeking West German army, an armaments drive and the establishment of a network of bases around the Soviet Union and other peace loving states."

TRANSLATED from current Communist vocabulary they are: First, the rearmament of West Germany, so that, if Germany were reunited the only military force in the whole country would be the Russian organised police. Second, the withdrawal of all British and U.S. troops and the dismantling of the West European defence system. Third, the cessation of all Western armaments programmes. Fourth, abandonment of the idea of the Western European Union. Here then is the Russian programme for "co-existence" in Europe. Western Europe is to be divided, virtually defenceless and separated from Britain and the United States. However, when the Russian does not mean that one can anticipate any immediate change, any immediate readiness in Moscow to come to a reasonable settlement of the German or Austrian problems. But the situation will have changed, Soviet policy will no longer be dominated by this hope of preventing Western European integration so that will have to be a reappraisal. It should be noted, too, that while Mr Malenkov was specific and definite about Europe he was carefully vague about the Far East. He did not go beyond a very non-committal statement that "better relations between the countries concerned for a settlement of a number of Far Eastern questions should be welcomed." One gains the impression that the Soviet Government feels that it must walk warily with regard to Far Eastern affairs; that it can say nothing that might seem in any way to commit Peking to anything.

### HE PLAYED WITH SHARKS

Tomorrow the China Mail brings you another new breath-taking feature in its big Saturday edition—this one written by the man who won a Cannes Film Festival award for his underwater shots of sharks.

Read how Jean Fouche, a French businessman photographed and played with man-eating monsters. Read, too, of his funny-turning escapes from death before he learnt the sharks' mentality.

He has a message for Hong-kong skin-divers, too, how to play safe in the depths of the sea and to avoid disaster.

Beverly Squires discusses the popular theory that weather upsets have been caused by A or H-Bomb explosions, while Chapman Pincher, continuing his new series, says it is time to stop the secrecy about the atom.

Nowadays for London and its theatreland? Then Milton Shulman has something for you when he discusses the London theatre in 1954.

The World's Strangest Story this week is about the strangest war in Britain's history—when wives accompanied husbands

# SURPRISE SOVIET NOTE TO WEST

## New Moscow Attack On Paris Agreements

### ALLEGED VIOLATION OF GERM AND GAS WARFARE PROTOCOL

Moscow, Jan. 13.

The Soviet Government charged tonight that the Paris Agreements on German rearmament violate the 1925 Geneva Pact which prohibits germ warfare and the use of poison gas.

The Soviet Government warned against ratification of the Paris accords in identical notes delivered to the Ambassadors of the Brussels Pact states—Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

Russia noted that the French Government was designated as the depository, or keeper, of the Geneva protocol on germ and gas warfare which was signed on June 17, 1925.

"As is known," the Soviet notes said, "the Geneva Protocol was signed after the First World War during which naphthalene and poisonous gases were widely used as well as other types of chemical weapons, the utilisation of which met with the resolute condemnation on the part of peoples."

There had also appeared the threat of using pernicious bacteriological weapons with the purpose of contaminating peaceful populations with the gravest diseases.

INTERNATIONAL PACT  
This evoked the necessity for signing an international agreement in the form of the aforementioned Geneva Protocol which prohibits the use in war of such means of mass destruction as well as all sorts of similar liquids, substances and processes as a means of waging war.

"At present," the notes said, "the Geneva Protocol has been recognised by an overwhelming majority of states. It has been signed or adhered to by 50 states, among them all member countries of the West European

Union: France, Britain, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg as well as Germany."

The notes said the Geneva Protocol had become a part of International Law and that the protocol "played an outstanding role" in preventing the use of chemical and germ weapons during World War II.

EVEN HITLER...  
"Even the Hitler Government," the notes said, "was condemned by an international tribunal as war criminals, did not use chemical and bacteriological weapons."

"Without taking all this into account," the Soviet notes continued, "the Paris agreements provide that countries which are members of the Western European Military Alliance will conduct preparations for chemical and bacteriological weapons and using the latter for the armament of their countries."

"Thus, in Protocol III of the Paris agreements on the creation of the Western European Union, it is pointed out that participants in this military

block will create together with atomic weapons, regarding which the position of the Soviet Government has expressed in corresponding notes to the Governments of France, Britain and the United States, reserves of chemical and bacteriological weapons."

DUTY TO WARN  
"The Soviet Government considers it its duty to warn particularly that the Paris Agreements would place chemical and bacteriological weapons along with atomic weapons at the disposal of the West German army which is to be set up under these agreements."

"This situation cannot but intensify the threat of a chemical bacteriological war of annihilation in Europe with all its grave consequences, which is particularly dangerous for the densely populated countries of Europe."

"In view of the aforesaid, the Soviet Government deems it necessary to call the attention of the Government of France to the incompatibility of the commitments which France intends to assume under the Paris Agreements with regard to the use of chemical and bacteriological weapons by the armies of the countries party to 'Western European Union'."

Western observers in Moscow saw the latest Soviet note as a further attempt to put pressure on France in the hope that the Paris Agreements might still be rejected. The French Council of Republic has still not approved ratification.

"OBSCURE"  
But these observers said Russia seemed to be having difficulty in finding further means to influence France in view of the somewhat obscure nature of today's protest.

The countries to whom the notes were sent are all signatories of the 1925 Geneva Protocol to which Russia adhered.

A total of 44 countries signed the agreement at that time. London diplomats circles tonight described as "preposterous" Russia's charge that the projected Western European Union contravened the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

"FREEBET YET"  
This was regarded here as the feeblest yet of the succession of Soviet attempts to pressure France against ratifying the Paris treaties setting up the Union and providing for German rearmament. The Russians were now "scrapping the barrel" in their efforts to condemn the Paris Agreements, they said.

Under the Paris treaties, Germany will not be permitted to manufacture atomic, bacteriological or chemical weapons and the ministerial council of the group can prevent Germany from obtaining them from abroad.—All Agencies.

### NEW EMBARGO POWERS FOR HONGKONG

Under new changes in British export licensing control, the Hongkong Government will in future be responsible for policing trade in strategic goods to China. Reuter reported from London.

The Public Relations Office announced this morning: The United Kingdom Government has agreed to issue from January 17 to all exports to Hongkong other than for strategic goods on the shorter embargo list and goods in short supply.

These two categories will be placed on Open General Licences for Hongkong. Hongkong's licensing procedure will remain unchanged and Hongkong Import Licences and Essential Supplies Certificates will still be required for all strategic goods of United Kingdom origin.

The Hongkong Government has agreed to take part in a Treaty Authorisation Scheme whereby strategic goods on the shorter embargo list originating in any country participating in the scheme, which are landed or transhipped in the Colony, on through bills of lading, will not be allowed to pass through the Colony to undesirable destinations unless they are accompanied by a Treaty Authorisation Certificate issued by the exporting country.

### WATER LEVEL FALLS AT TYTAM RESERVOIR



Today's picture of Tytam reservoir showing how the water level has fallen in recent months during the winter dry period. It is now almost 27 feet below the brim-full level. Figures on the amount of water remaining in the Colony's reservoirs are expected to be released by the Public Relations Office shortly.—(Staff Photographer).

### Battle 'Imminent' In Costa Rica

Washington, Jan. 13.  
A Costa Rican Embassy spokesman reported tonight that a battle was imminent between Costa Rican Forces and "invaders" who were in possession of a pocket in the North-west part of the country close to the Nicaraguan border.

The spokesman said the information had come by telephone from San Jose. He said: "Government forces are advancing from the town of Liberia to meet the invaders and a battle is imminent. The town of Villa Quesada is under bombardment by the invaders." President Figueres said in San Jose today that the rebel forces who attacked his Government three days ago were fleeing toward Nicaragua and now held only two towns, both near the Nicaraguan border.

A PROMISE  
He promised the country would be cleared of insurgents shortly. The towns still in rebel hands were Puerto Soley and Pemas Blancas, both near the frontier on the Pacific coast.

Several aircraft again attacked Costa Rica's large Pacific port of Puna Arenas. It was reported at San Jose.

The Costa Rican Government today gave the following account of casualties in the three-day revolt:

Rebels—Two killed and several wounded.

Government Forces—One killed and two wounded.—All Agencies.

SOVIET VIEW

Moscow, Jan. 13.  
Soviet newspapers blamed "American monopolists" today for "instigating the Costa Rican affair in order to replace the Costa Rican Government with one more favourable to the United Fruit Company."—United Press.

### WINTER BLIZZARD BRINGS MORE SNOW TO BRITAIN

London, Jan. 13.  
A fierce blizzard swept down from the North covering the British Isles with snow and ice tonight, and gale winds harassed shipping in the surrounding seas.

Dozens of towns, from the Orkney Islands in the North to Land's End in the South, were cut off. At least six ships were reported in distress during the past 24 hours.

A daring Royal Dutch Navy helicopter crew braved driving winds over the North Sea today to ferry 16 crewmen from the wrecked Norwegian freighter

At Bower, near Wick in Scotland a local train became snow-bound. Townsfolk carried food to the 16 passengers until a snow-plough reopened the line. Twelve passengers spent the night in another snowbound train 10 miles from Bower. One of the worst blizzards within memory was reported in the Orkneys. Transportation was at a standstill with all main roads blocked by drifts up to seven feet deep.

### Princess Margaret In Car Accident

London, Jan. 13.  
Princess Margaret was shaken but escaped unhurt when a car in which she was travelling collided with another car on an icy road near Baldoon, Hertfordshire tonight.

Princess Margaret was travelling from Sandringham to London.

Police said four cars travelling in the same direction collided into one another near Baldoon. No one was injured and damage was slight.

Princess Margaret's chauffeur, jammed on his brakes when the car ahead stopped and the Royal Rolls Royce slid into it.

On her arrival at Clarence House, Princess Margaret telephoned the Queen at Sandringham to assure her she was not hurt.

The Princess returned from her Sandringham holiday ahead of the rest of the family to prepare for her forthcoming Caribbean tour.—United Press & China Mail Special.

### NEW SPORTS FEATURE

The first of a series of nine weekly articles on SKILFUL SOCCER by England's Master Coach and Team Manager, WALTER WINTERBOTTOM, starts in today's China Mail on P.7.

### Hammar skjold Reports Some Progress In Talks

New York, Jan. 13.

The United Nations Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold arrived today from Peking where he sought to obtain the release of American airmen imprisoned as spies.

He flew in from Honolulu, Tokyo and Hongkong, to arrive in Peking with Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai had been "distinctly useful."

"A FIRST STAGE"  
"My visit to Peking was a first stage in my efforts to achieve the release of the 11 airmen and other United Nations Command personnel still detained."

"Progress" had been made in these talks, he said.

He declared that the "door which had been opened may remain open if moderation on both sides is observed."

Soon after his arrival he was expected to see Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, America's delegate to the United Nations, to report on his talks with Mr Chou En-lai.

Later he will talk to Sir Alexander Dixon, of Britain, and the French delegate, Mr Henri Hoppenot.

"GANGSTER TACTICS"  
In Philadelphia, the Assistant Secretary of State Mr Walter S. Robertson accused Communist China today of "gangster tactics" in sentencing American fliers to jail as spies.

He also charged that the Chinese had thrown American citizens into jail without trial, had "tortured and brainwashed" prisoners of war, had blackmailed American businessmen and had confiscated U.S. properties.

In Washington, Senator Price Daniel urged President Eisenhower tonight to set a time limit in which the Chinese must release captive United States airmen or face "drastic action."

He said that if peaceful negotiations now underway by the United Nations fail, the action would be too extreme to get the release of these men.—All Agencies.

### Yacht In Distress

Jacksonville, Florida, Jan. 13.

The 40-foot sailing yacht Spindrift, with four persons aboard radioed the Coast Guard today that it was in distress and beginning to sink somewhere between Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville.

The skipper of the racing yacht said he was meeting strong winds and heavy seas.—United Press.

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### Lolobrigida-Malenkov Talks? Gina's Plan To Reduce World Tension

Roma, Jan. 13.  
Gina Lolobrigida said today that world tension might ease if she talked things over privately with President Eisenhower.

"Of course, I would go to Russia if it would help anybody," said the sharply dressed woman who has already met President Eisenhower, Queen Elizabeth II, and Pope John XXIII. She is the wife of the Italian Minister of Commerce, Marshal Tito. But Mr. Malenkov she admitted, might be a tough proposition.

Gina said in an interview she was amazed that Presidents and Queens were so human.

"They're not complicated at all," she said.

When Gina visited Mr. Eisenhower at the White House on October 16, for example, he came to the door and asked her to sit down beside his desk, she said.

"Nobody asked us for identification cards or anything," she said. United Press.



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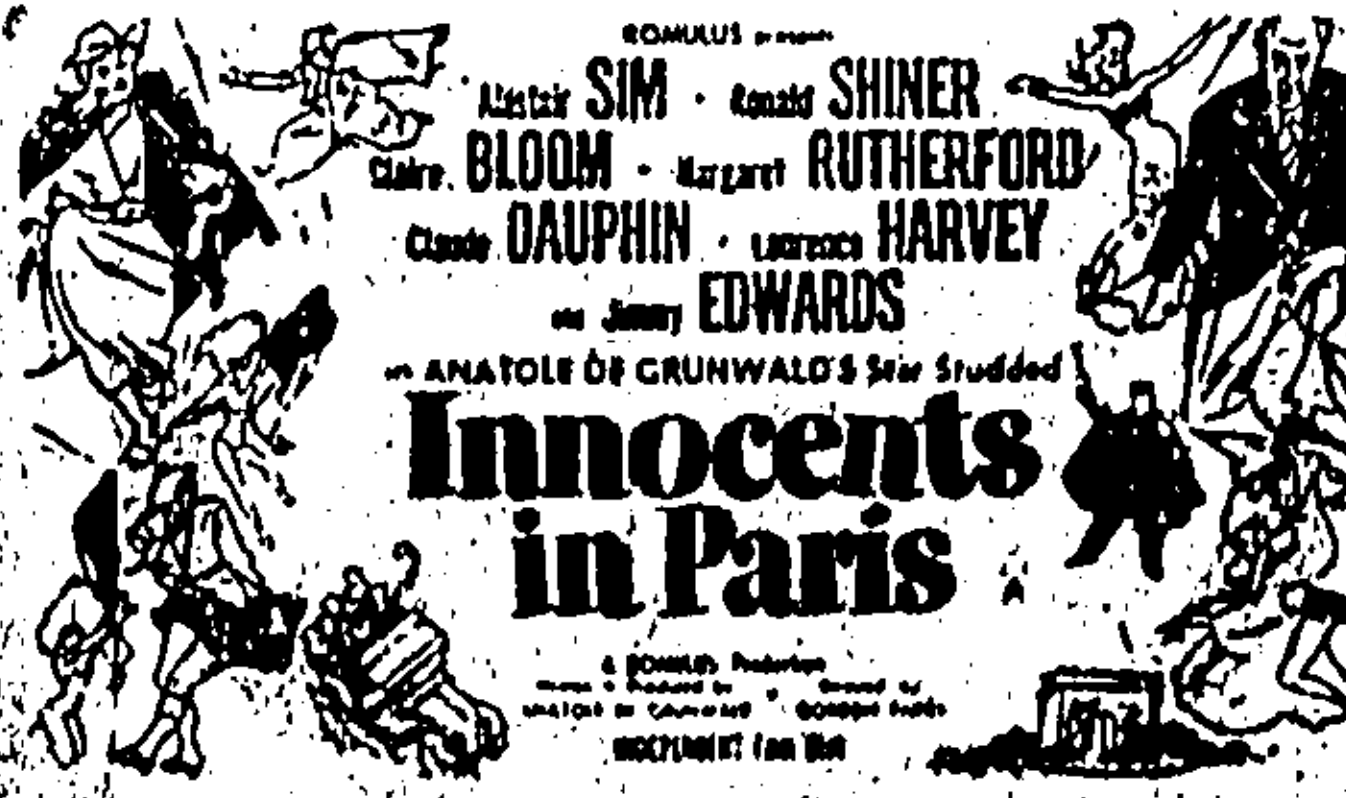


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## ASIAN TREATY

## U.S. Committee Ratification Next Week MUST HOLD LEAD, SAYS CHAIRMAN

Washington, Jan. 13. Chairman Walter George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after meeting with Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles, today, said it is possible the Committee will vote next week to ratify the Southeast Asia Defence Treaty (SEATO) sometimes known as the Manila Pact.

Mr George said that the Secretary "considered it of utmost importance that the United States, which took the lead in negotiating the treaty, continue to lead."

He said the Committee will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday and an open hearing on Wednesday on the SEATO treaty. He said it is possible the vote on ratification also may be taken next week.

## FORMOSA TREATY

The committee will follow with consideration of the Formosa Defence Treaty, he said, and then will take up some other routine matters before beginning consideration of the Paris Pact.

After a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Mr Dulles said that the outlook for ratification of the Paris Pact by France and Germany is "encouraging."

Mr Dulles spent nearly two hours with the Committee, but the briefing was largely devoted to the SEATO pact and related subjects.

In a statement issued after the meeting, Mr George said that Mr Dulles "considers it indispensable to have the closest kind of co-operation with the Committee."

## UNITED FRONT

He added that the dangers the U.S. faces "are very real" and "there are many places where the margin of security is very thin and might be lost if we do not present a united front."

"There are a number of situations in the world," he said, "where we should put up a good effort even though it is by no means certain that we will succeed. Otherwise we would miss many opportunities to preserve freedom and resist the expansion of international Communism."

## CALCULATED RISK

In answer to questions, Mr George said Mr Dulles did not refer to any specific countries or trouble spots but simply was enunciating the "calculated risk" as generally desirable policy.

Mr George said that in regard to Indo-China, Mr Dulles said the Committee "the trend of events there is now somewhat more favourable than it

has been." But both Mr George and Mr Dulles refused to amplify this remark. — United Press.

## America Pleased About Mid-East Pact

Washington, Jan. 13. American authorities said today that they were greatly pleased by the news that Turkey and Iran had agreed to conclude without delay a security pact which other Middle East countries will be invited to join.

The officials described the agreement as a most significant step toward the creation of an effective system of regional security in the area, such as the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, frequently has urged.

## CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

The decisiveness and dispatch with which the Turkish Premier, Mr Adnan Menderes, and Iraqi leaders moved toward their ob-

## TERRORIST'S MURDERED COMRADE

Singapore, Jan. 13. A Coroner's Inquiry on a human skeleton found in the tidal swamps of Singapore revealed that the victim was a member of the Malayan Communist Party murdered by his comrades because he had double-crossed the Party in 1951.

Siu Moh, aged 30, had extorted some money from a Singapore merchant for the Party funds, and then was accused of holding out.

A captured Communist, who admitted witnessing part of the crime, said that Siu was brought to the gang's hideout, a hut in the swamp.

## HEARD SCREAMS

The witness said he heard screams and sounds of struggle and then saw Siu carried out, bound, and put into a boat. An hour later the men in the boat returned, without Siu.

Five persons are alleged to have taken part in the crime, the ring-leader being Thit Fong, "The Iron Spearhead," a well-known Communist leader who was captured last year.

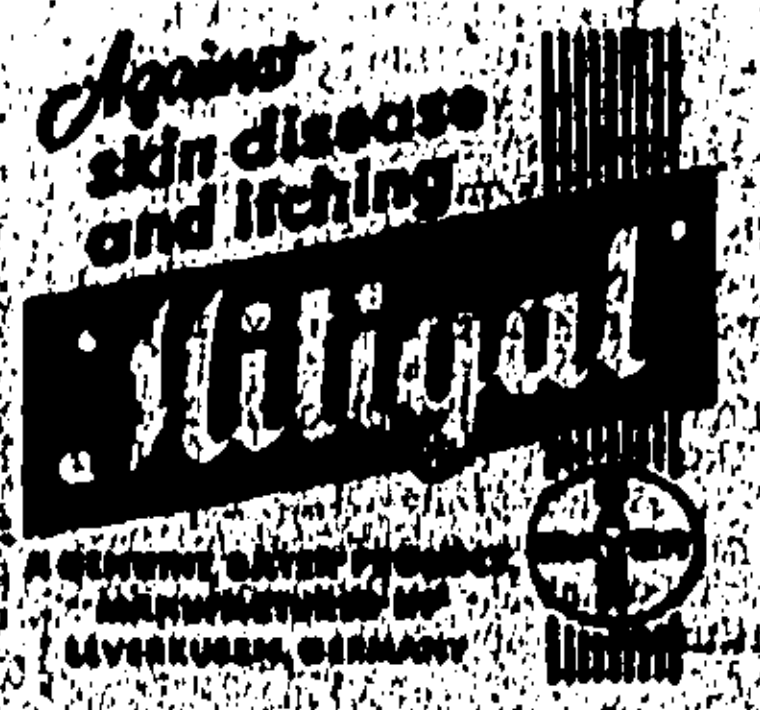
A woman who was involved in the murder is also held, two other persons are still at large, and the fifth was charged to China before his part in the plot was revealed. — France-Press.

## Tributes For Dr Schweitzer

Paris, Jan. 13. World leaders in the medical, literary and religious fields will join in paying both birthday tributes on Saturday in Paris to a man considered to be one of the outstanding figures of this generation.

They will contribute to a book to be handed over at a ceremony to the Young Men's Christian Association to the French Nobel Prize-winner Dr Albert Schweitzer.

Dr Schweitzer, who is now at Lambarene (Gabon, French Equatorial Africa), at a hospital which he built himself 45 years ago, is also a noted doctor, philosopher, theologian and musician. — France-Press.



## Sleigh Riding At The Windmill



Topical note in the latest edition of Revueville at the famous Windmill Theatre in Piccadilly. Susan Denay and Angela Osborn in Sleigh Ride Swing. — Central Press Photo.

## ILLEGAL SALE OF FABULOUS DIAMOND

Calcutta, Jan. 13. A fabulous diamond which once belonged to the Moghul Emperor Jehangir, figures in a case here, when the parties concerned were fined a total of 150,000 rupees (£11,250) for illegally exporting it and selling it abroad.

The parties were a firm of jewellers in Calcutta and a rich zamindar (land-owner) of Bengal who had to pay the fines for exporting this historic diamond without legal permission to do so.

The diamond, which formed part of the royal crown of the Moghul Emperor Jehangir, was exported by a firm of jewellers in Calcutta in May, 1954 to London where it was sold at Christie's on behalf of the owner for £13,000 in April.

Calcutta Customs authorities held that the export was illegal and imposed the fines. — Reuters.

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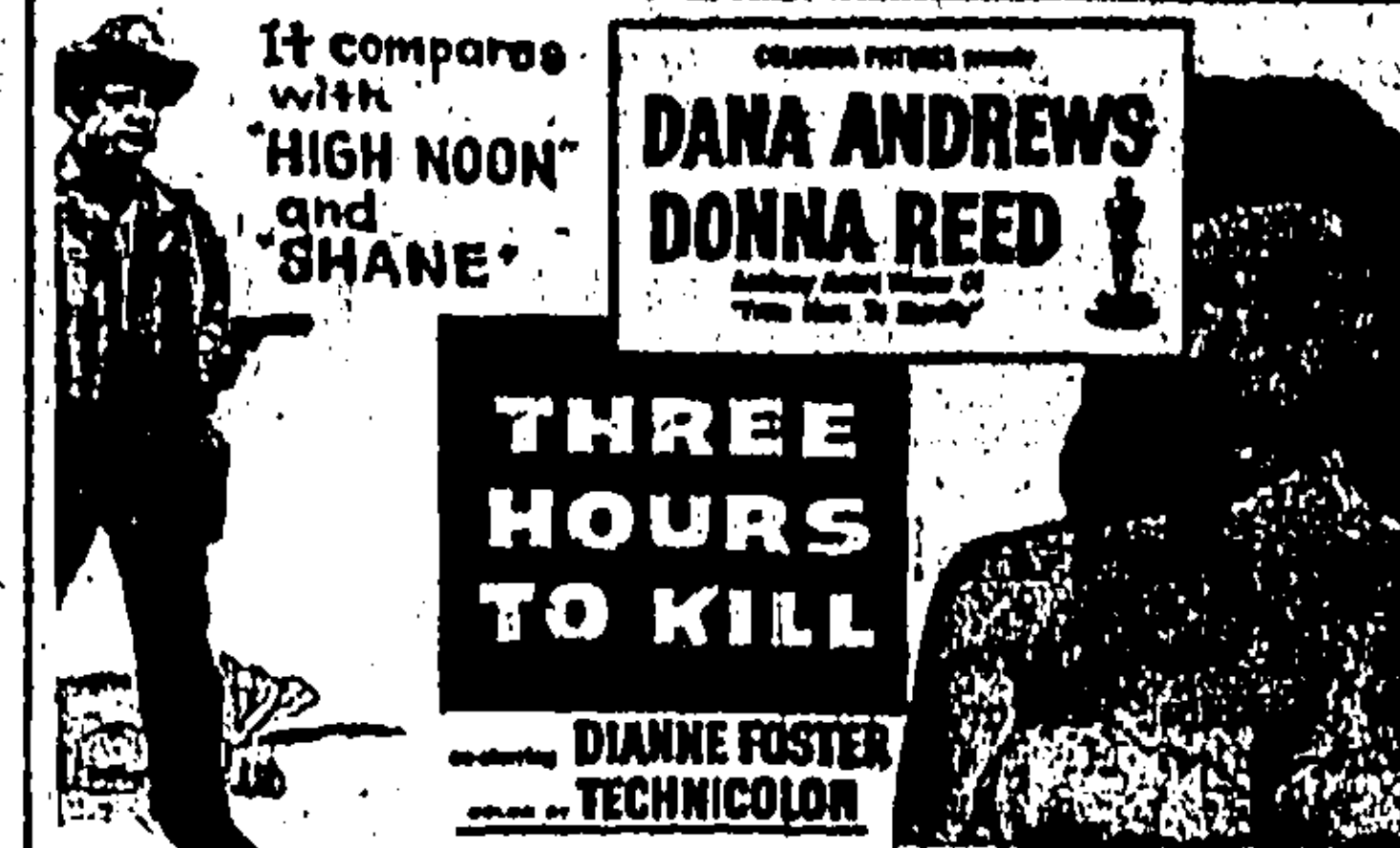
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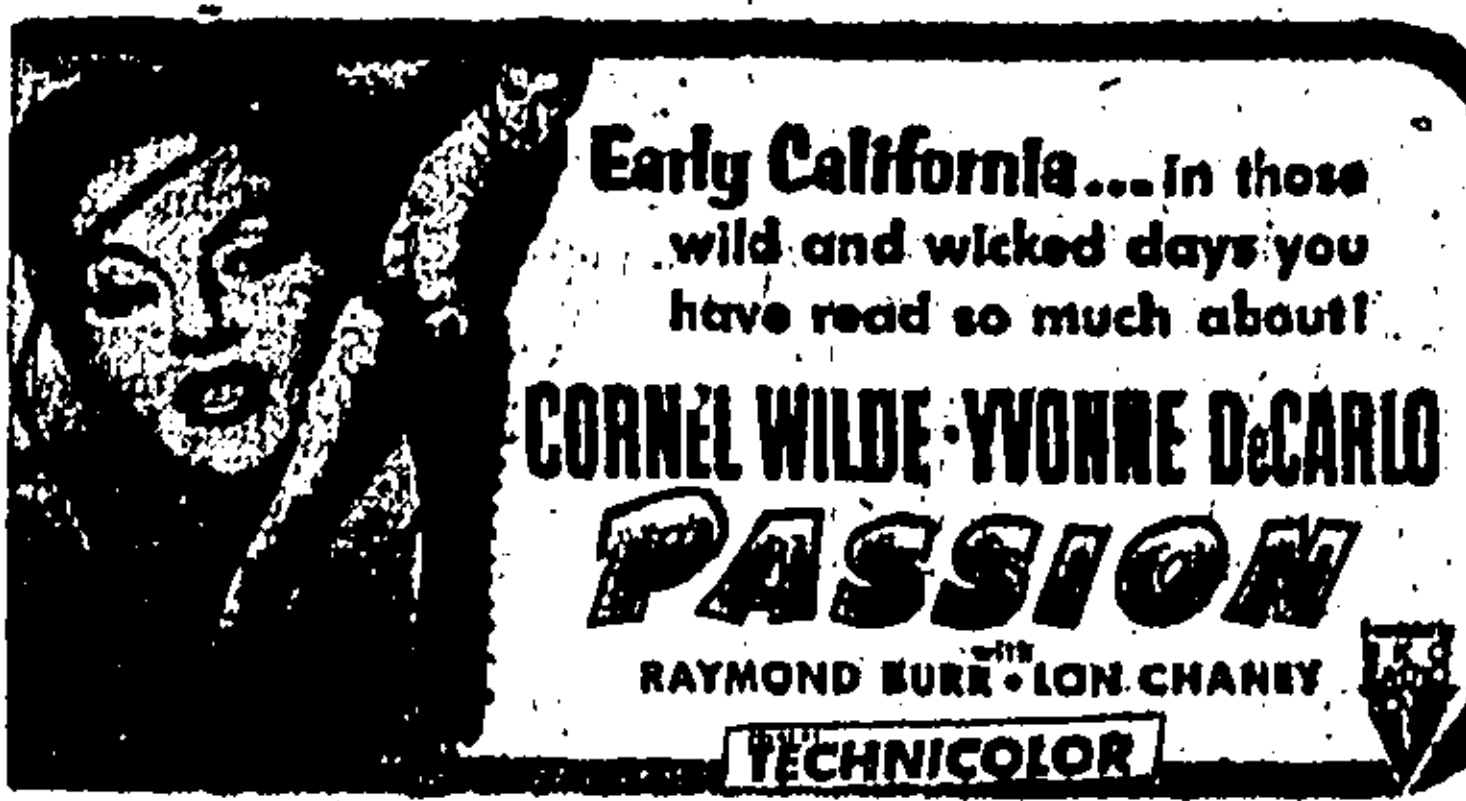
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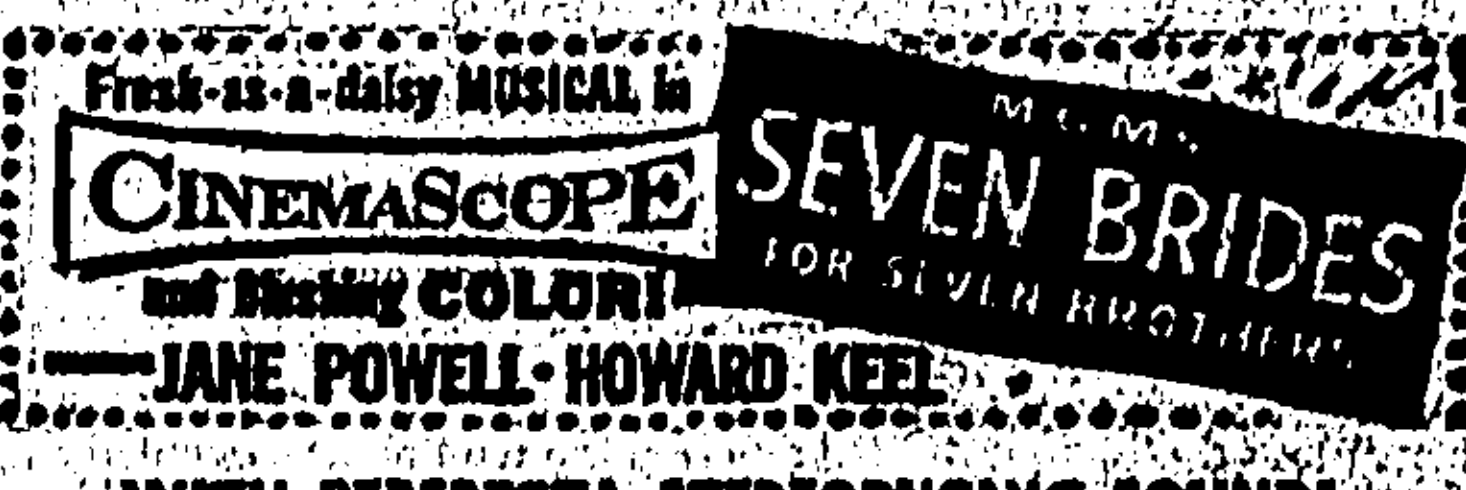
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# TENSE SITUATION IN MOROCCO

## Strict Police Measures Taken In All Major Cities

Paris, Jan. 13.

The French Resident-General in Morocco, M. Francis Lacoste, arrived today and began a series of meetings with Government officials on the explosive situation in the North African protectorate of Morocco.

Informed sources said M. Lacoste brought concrete suggestions to ease the tense situation and end terrorist attacks, which have taken 35 lives in Casablanca alone since December 20.

## COMMON KITCHEN BATTLES BANDITS

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 13.

The Federation of Malaya Government is pushing its plan to fight the terrorists with a new weapon—the "common kitchen".

Hitherto, Communists in the jungle have been able to get food from plantation workers by threats or bribery. Under the new plan—already tried on some estates—the tappers are given their meals, largely rice, already cooked.

"They can have their full ration, and if the terrorists demand food they can say quite honestly that they have none to give," the manager of one estate explained.

He said that before this plan was put into operation, almost half of his tappers had quit because they were not getting enough to eat. Not a single workman has wanted to leave since the "common kitchen" was opened.

The rice is brought to the estate in a lorry convey with an armed car escort. It is placed in the "common kitchen" barracks, under armed guard night and day. Enough rice for each meal is placed in a locked tin and carried to the kitchen by armed constables. Four special police officers patrol the dining room while the tappers are eating.

"And it works!" the estate manager says.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle

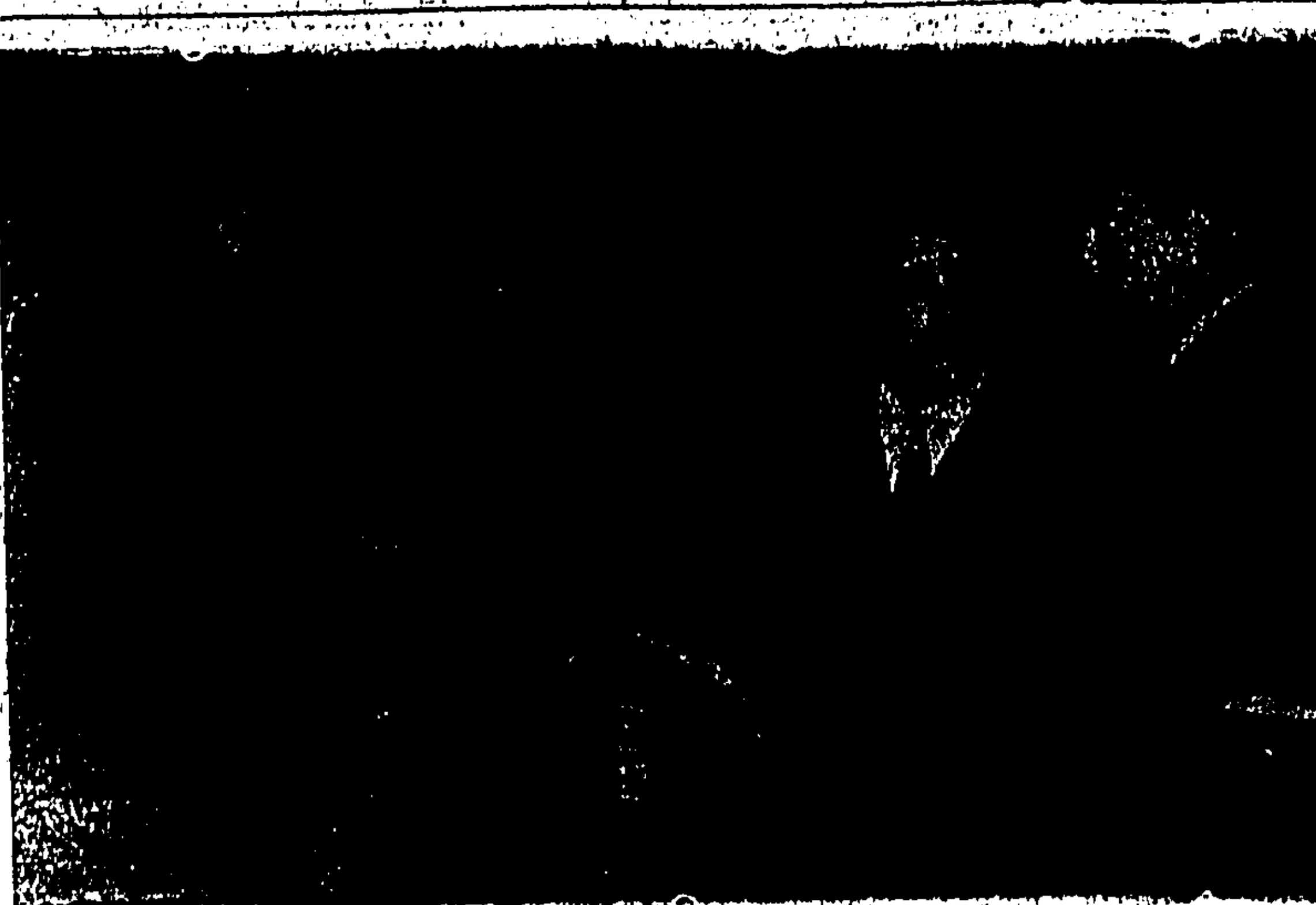


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- 2 Joyful (5).
- 3 Hang around (6).
- 4 Become culture (5).
- 5 Revue about (4).
- 6 Wealthy man (7).
- 7 Computer (6).
- 8 Before long (4).
- 9 Final word of a prayer (4).
- 10 Jokes (5).
- 11 Perfect (3).
- 12 Jug (4).
- 13 Bunk (5).
- 14 Fur (5).
- 15 Tempest (5).
- 16 Lovers of gram (6).
- 17 Wire (8).
- 18 Offspring (8).
- 19 Fils (4).
- 20 Estrange (6).
- 21 Quicker (6).
- 22 Lighter in colour (5).
- 23 Unlucky (8).
- 24 Army unit (5).
- 25 Replied (8).
- 26 Best (5).
- 27 Dismay (6).
- 28 Kishki (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: 1. Answer: 1. Roadway; 2. Answer: 2. Amusement; 3. Answer: 3. Road; 4. Answer: 4. Road; 5. Answer: 5. Road; 6. Answer: 6. Road; 7. Answer: 7. Road; 8. Answer: 8. Road; 9. Answer: 9. Road; 10. Answer: 10. Road; 11. Answer: 11. Road; 12. Answer: 12. Road; 13. Answer: 13. Road; 14. Answer: 14. Road; 15. Answer: 15. Road; 16. Answer: 16. Road; 17. Answer: 17. Road; 18. Answer: 18. Road; 19. Answer: 19. Road; 20. Answer: 20. Road; 21. Answer: 21. Road; 22. Answer: 22. Road; 23. Answer: 23. Road; 24. Answer: 24. Road; 25. Answer: 25. Road; 26. Answer: 26. Road; 27. Answer: 27. Road; 28. Answer: 28. Road.



Meeting in Rome... Lord Humberston (right) sits in with his 24-year-old 6ft. tall fiancée Donna Maria Attolico de Adelfa (left), to be welcomed by his future mother-in-law, Contessa Eleonora Attolico de Adelfa. It is said the wedding will take place in April at the Church of St John, Porta Latina. Donna Maria's father, Dr Bernardo Attolico, who died in 1942, had been Italy's Ambassador to Brazil, Germany, Russia, and the Holy See. His wife, Countess in her own right, was one of the most brilliant of Italy's Diplomatic Corps hostesses.—Express Photo.

## All U.S. Families Affected By New Strategy

Washington, Jan. 13.

President Eisenhower today translated United States global strategy into unprecedented peace-time demands upon United States youth for military training and recruitment in the armed services and reserves.

For the moment, the attention of the man in the street to the two military manpower messages sent by the President to Congress today is centred on the personal impact upon almost every family what amounts to a universal military training programme for the first time in the history of the republic.

Military and diplomatic observers were more interested in the "military posture" reflected in the programme and its effectiveness in enabling the United States to meet its world-wide military commitments.

The posture outlined by the President in the message is acknowledged as a compromise between the demands of the critical world situation and the political and economic limitation upon the Government which is already the United States' budget and four million of its citizens to the needs of military strength and world security.

## FRANCO-ITALIAN ARMS ACCORD

Baden Baden, Jan. 13.

The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, headed toward Germany today for crucial talks on the Saar with hopes of an early Big Four conference after the Paris German rearmament pact is ratified.

The French leader ended a three-day series of talks with the Italian Premier, Mr Mario Scelba, in Rome with a new call for Western talks with Russia. Then he left for Baden Baden, where he will meet tomorrow in a one-day conference with the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

The 47-year-old Premier announced before he boarded his train that Italy would back his plan for pooling arms production in the Western European Union. He said that formal Italian backing of the pool plan was not announced out of courtesy to the other members of the seven-nation WEU.

### FIRST STEP

He said France considered WEU as a "first step" toward closer integration of Europe "in all fields" and praised Italian efforts in leading the drive for a united Europe.

The French Premier made a series of concessions that could not fail to please the Italians and aid in winning their backing of his arm pool plan. He stated a joint effort to develop the Italian South Africa and to stimulate the Italian job employment problem by administrative means. He also said France would support Italian efforts to secure a more equitable distribution of the world's resources.

### LIQUIDATE PROBLEM

The agreement was almost certain to receive Dr Adenauer's approval tomorrow, the sources said. Dr Adenauer was expected to determine the "liquidation" of the Saar problem, which has plagued Franco-German relations for years.

M. Mendes-France arrives in Baden Baden at the foot of the Black Forest hills tomorrow morning. He will confer with Dr Adenauer and other German leaders in a series of talks before heading back to Paris.

## WEDDING ON THE CHEAP

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

A 24-year-old Japanese carpenter preparing for his wedding painstakingly collected all the things he needed for his new home the cheapest way he could. He stole them.

He collected 89 new possessions, including bedding, a record player, a mah-jong set, clothes for his bride's trousseau, and a stack of timber to build his house.

But he never got married. Police caught up with him just before his wedding date.—Chius Mail Special.

## Jet Planes Launched From Trucks

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 13.

The Glenn L. Martin Company announced today it had launched from trucks as a possible means of eliminating runways under certain combat conditions.

The company said it had the Air Force permission to announce "the world's first flights of conventional jet fighters without preliminary takeoff runs."

The successful experiments, the company said, were made towards the Air Force base, California, using F-4D Thunderbolt jet fighters equipped with "booster" bottles of the same type and size used on Matador guided missiles.—United Press.

## A And H-Bombs Increase Role Of C.D. NATO NATIONS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS

Paris, Jan. 13.

The tremendous destructive power of atomic and hydrogen bombs has increased the role of civil defence rather than made it useless, Sir John Hodsall, chief civil defence adviser to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said today.

He said if a hydrogen bomb's destructive radius extended 10 miles, civil defence could do useful rescue work in seven of them.

Warfare and world unity largely on "mobile columns" of self-contained highly trained teams stationed for fire-fighting, rescue work and first aid outside probably "target" areas.

### NATO NATIONS

NATO nations already had a total of \$400,000,000 in defence "volunteers" and their job was still essential. Sir John said that the "mobile columns" were "the only type of force that could be used in a world war."

## EXPERTS CLAIM POISON FOUND IN DRINK

Perpignan, Jan. 13.

Medical experts claimed today they had found gardenal in the remains of Mme Jeanne Candela when the "poison for love" murder trial of her cousin, Marguerite Marty, was continued here this afternoon.

Mme Candela died in a hospital here in 1953 after being tended by Mme Marty, who was in love with Jeanne Candela's husband, Eloy Gomez Candela, a handsome Spanish pig killer.

Mme Marty denied that she gave her cousin anything to drink on the fatal night.

Jean Fourcade, forensic expert and professor at the Montpellier faculty of medicine, said, "There were considerable quantities of gardenal in the internal organs," particularly the brain.

### GARDENAL ALONE

"Everything," he declared, "permits one to affirm that gardenal alone was the cause of death."

He added that he could tell that Mme Candela took coffee and milk within an hour of her death, and that "the drink contained gardenal."

Another professor, Paul Jaulmes, from the Montpellier Pharmaceutical faculty, stated that he also found considerable quantities of gardenal in Mme Candela's organs.

He was, however, less categorical about the possible time of absorption of gardenal into the body. He said it might have been absorbed during Mme Candela's last 24 hours alive.

Defence lawyer Maître Maurice Garçon, heatedly remarked, "They talk to us about white coffee, but they have not yet analysed the colour of the liquid. This coffee has never been analysed."

### "THIS IS A JOKE"

He added the time of determining things by their smell was past. "This is a joke," he asserted, "and you are not going to condemn a woman on that."

Earlier to the day, a nurse accused Marguerite Marty of having hovered over the hospital bed of Jeanne Candela on a night before Jeanne died of a lethal dose of gardenal.

Marguerite, a lumpy, heavily peasant woman with long, rough red braids, cried out in court, "She lies. I was lying across my bed."

Marguerite, who today wore to court an elegant printed maroon dress with a small white collar.

The nurse said that Marguerite who was alone in the hospital room with her cousin, standing near Jeanne's bed with her hands behind her back.

A doctor who attended Jeanne at the hospital told the court that he could not say for sure whether the fatal gardenal had been administered before or after she came to the hospital.

Other doctors have stated definitively that the poison was administered shortly before Jeanne's death.

### "TOO STUPID"

The mother of the murdered said she could not say whom she suspected of the murder.

Asked by the judge, if she suspected her daughter's husband, Mme Marty said, "Him? He's too stupid to do a thing like that!"—France-Press.

## MOLUCCAS APPEAL TO U.N.

New York, Jan. 13.

Answering queries about the receipt of an Appeal to the United Nations by the self-styled South Moluccas "Republic" in revolt against the Indonesian Government, U.N. officials said today that "a number" of such appeals had been received.

They added that they had been addressed to the Secretary-General to the General Assembly and to the Security Council. The officials explained that it was not possible for the United Nations to take action on the appeals because the South Moluccas are part of the Republic of Indonesia, which is a member of the United Nations.

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS

It was added that the United Nations could not interfere in the internal affairs of a member state nor could it circulate to other members appeals addressed to the world organization by non-governmental organizations.

The Moluccan representatives in New York appealed to the members of the United Nations last November 22 charging the Indonesian Government with "colonial suppression" of the South Moluccas people.

They asked that the complaint be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly, which was then in session, but no such action was taken.—Router.

France-Press adds that in Djakarta, the Indonesian Defence Minister, Mr Iwa Kusumasumarta, said that "Dutchmen had been infiltrating into the Moluccas, east Indonesia."

He explained that large-scale infiltration and landings by submersibles had never occurred. Landings had been made several times on a small-scale mostly last month, said the Minister.

### FIVE ARRESTED

He revealed that five persons who had been arrested and charged they came from a Netherlands submarine.

The Defence Minister said that security in that area was now well under control and that now that a state of war had been proclaimed in the whole area, "we are able to take more rigid measures and intervene earlier than had been possible previously."

## TURBAN SAVES CHILD

Singapore, Jan. 13.

A quick-witted Indian watchman saved a child's life here recently with his turban.

A nine-year-old girl, Low Aiping, fell into a storm-drain during a cloudburst here, and was swept into the main canal. She struggled helplessly, and then was drawn into the main underground channel by the force of the current.

Gunder Singh, a 25-year-old watchman, saw the accident. He ran to the edge of the underground channel, whipped off his turban, and lowered it into the water. She was swept out of the channel he made a loop of the cloth and caught her body.

Though the little girl had spent more than 45 seconds in the swirling, muddy water underground, she suffered only minor shock and bruising. She said she had happened so quickly that she could not remember exactly what took place.

"I was very happy when I saw the girl was safe," said the watchman. "I was very happy when I saw the girl was safe."

## Ike Not Visiting Sir Winston

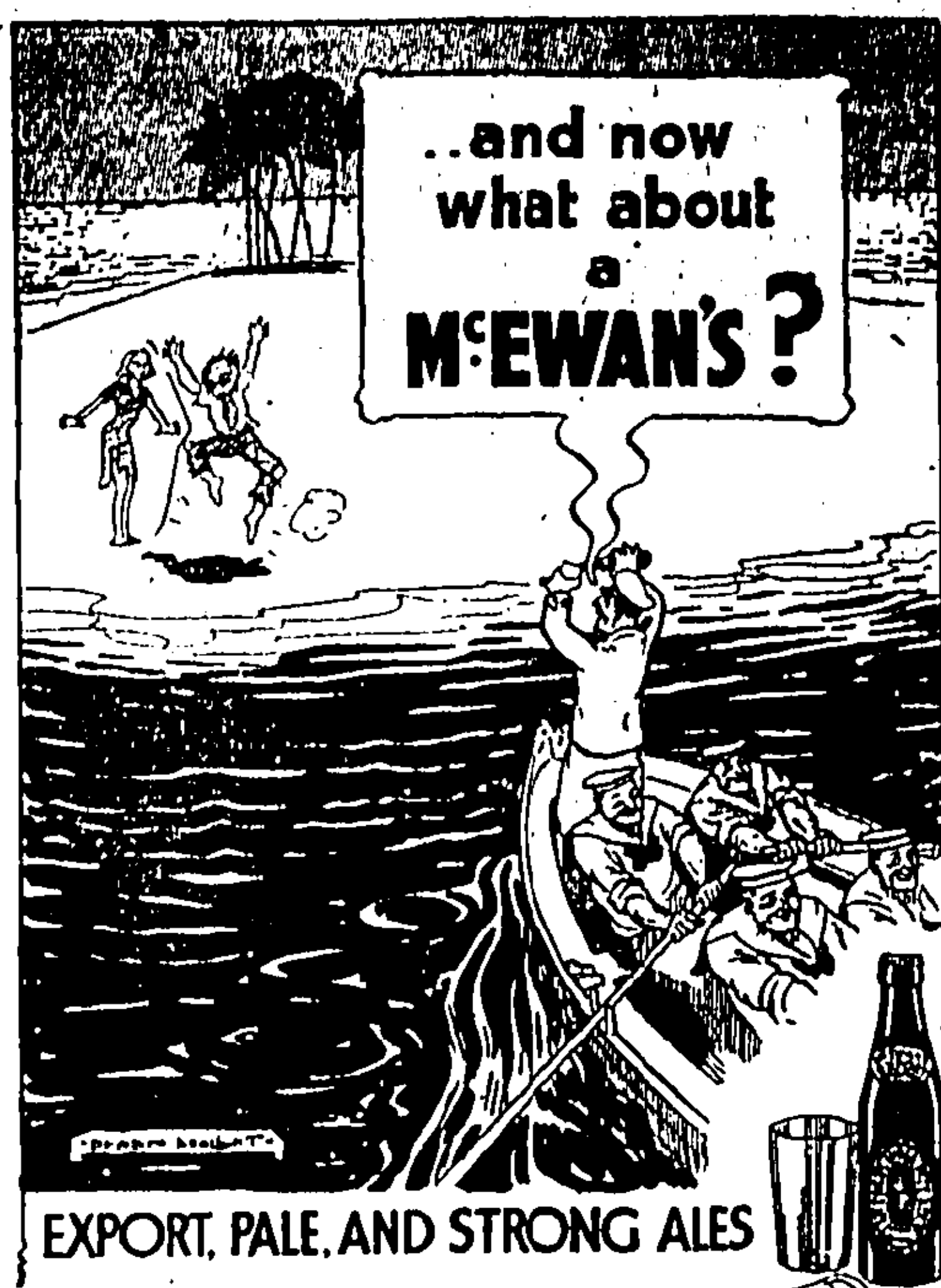
Washington, Jan. 13.

White House Press Secretary, Mr James Hagerty, said today that he knew of no plan for President Eisenhower to visit London next month.

Mr Hagerty had been asked about reports from London that the President would visit that city, capital of the United Kingdom, during the forthcoming Commonwealth Conference, which will be held in London next month.

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## FIRST NIGHT RECOLLECTIONS

Beatrice Lillie  
Reigns Alone

By SIR BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

London. SAW that the woman opposite me at the dinner table was bursting with a desire to startle us all but she was not going to waste it until she had our ears and eyes. At last she saw her opportunity.

"Believe it or not," she said with a pretence of modesty that fooled no one. "I managed to get two seats in the stalls for Bea Lillie's first night."

How wonderful! How simply thrilling! Having lived in the world for some time I did not spoil her story by saying that I also had two seats in the stalls. There is no use having two Wellingtons for one Waterloo.

But when I got home my mind went phantasmagoric into the distant past when, by sheer merit or something, I was promoted from office boy at the Nordheimer Piano Company in Toronto to answering the telephone switchboard in the sheet department and accepting payment of tuning and hire-purchase accounts.

It was fun to see customers come into our King Street store and go up to a salesman behind the counter and say: "Do you know a song da-da-da-doo-doo-moo?" But it was more fun when an English woman, who played the organ in church on Sundays, would enter the store with her two daughters—Muriel and Beatrice.

Muriel was the gifted one. In fact she played the piano quite well, and in those days, the ability to play the piano was much esteemed. The years of enlightenment when girls would only have to learn to twiddle a knob were still far ahead.

We were glad for Mrs. Lillie's sake that she had one gifted daughter, because poor Beatrice could not do a darn thing. Her voice would hardly have got by in a church choir on a wet Sunday, and when she joined a touring stock company in Northern Ontario she proved that in addition to being unable to sing or play the piano she could also neither dance nor act.

But from the cage of Nordheimer's shop I admired her for her high spirits. Sometimes she would address the salesman behind the counter with the affected drawl of a duchess opening a Conservative garden fete. Next time she would be so Middle West that her English mother would blush with embarrassment.

In fact she once horrified us all by actually doing the dance of the dying swan and tripping up every time she did a twirl.

Only two people believed in her—Beatrice and her mother. But I doubt if either of them knew what they believed. They sent her to a teacher who coached her in singing and acting but it was no use. At any rate there was still the other daughter who played the piano with increasing promise.

## To London

FORTUNATELY for everyone some kindly folk in Toronto took up a fund to send Muriel Lillie to England for the purpose of studying to become a concert pianist. It was with the feeling of a patron of the arts that I contributed one dollar to the fund. So Mrs. Lillie who had become a widow sailed for the country of her birth with her two Toronto daughters.

The 1914 war was still lurking in the wings and London was the hub of the universe. Dukes were dukes then, people dressed to the gills to go to the theatre, Beethoven was in his glory as director of Opera only financed by the revenue from Beethoven's Pills.

But alas! Mrs. Lillie had no such endorsement, and piano recitals were ten for a penny. The financial situation became serious—a serious that early in 1914 Beatrice bluffed the management of a provincial (vaudeville) hall to give her a week's engagement.

She sang a serious number and the audience laughed. She sang a funny number and the audience groaned. Placid and defiant Beatrice looked at them as if she were Madame Malba and the Duc de Westminster in one.

"I will now sing for your possible approval Irving Berlin's song 'When I Lost You'." At the end of it they gave her what is known in England as the "bird." Her flop was complete.

But in this heartbreak experience she discovered something about herself. When she turned on the audience with lofty contempt, they were startled and momentarily quiet. What about laughing at the audience in the future? What about making them the joke?

About that time a remarkable Anglo-Frenchman named Andre Charlot was producing something new at the Vaudeville Theatre in London. So long had London worshipped at the shrine of the Merry Widow, "The Gaiety Girl" and Gilbert and Sullivan that it was ready for a change. The war had started and the tempo and life as well as death had quickened.

Beatrice secured an audition, and Andre Charlot watched her from the dark, empty auditorium. Being a Frenchman he was interested in any manifestation of the feminine and being a theatrical producer he also knew the value of something new.

Here on the stage was something he had never seen before. This girl from some place called Toronto was neither pretty—in the ordinary sense—nor gifted. Her singing voice was harmless and unimportant. Her dancing would not get her into the back row of the chorus.

Yet she had something. What was it? Suddenly he saw it. Here before him was the very goddess of instantaneous popularity. Dancers were a dozen for a pound, singers could be found in any corner of Britain, and almost any female could act up to a point. This girl was different.

## Name In Lights

WITH a flash of genius Charlot saw that Beatrice Lillie had the potentialities of a female Charlie Chaplin. But he was only himself, and Chaplin made himself a figure of pathos as well as of fun, whereas there was no pathos in the girl he was looking at. She was indomitable.

When I reached London in the war Beatrice had her name in lights and I was lucky to get even a single seat for the Charlot Revue "cheap." There on the stage was Bea (as she was known by that time) doing a dance with six chorus girls.

The others were perfect in every movement, but somehow Bea was just wrong—though not completely. When it came to a high kick she went at it with a joyous smile and then stopped to examine her finger nails instead. When the other girls wiggled their hips Bea's hips were also wiggling but in the wrong direction. When her companions did a cursive Bea did a cursive that made her look like a cursive that had been run over by a steamroller.

Later she sang a grand opera aria and not too badly. As she came to the point where she had to go up to B. Flat she adjusted her make-up instead as though just remembering it.

And to give her credit she could do a sentimental "Good-bye Boy" song with a still that made laughter and tears close companions. But her basic appeal remained unchanged—the appeal of indomitable inefficiency.

## In Reverse

IN the 1920's she crossed to New York. But at first, failed to reproduce her London success. I do not mean that she was a complete flop but the "American" being a vulgar race that the British still had the feeling that the star of a show ought to be able to do something. They failed to realize that this English girl from Toronto possessed talent in reverse.

But Beatrice had entered upon another career, that of

marriage. There was still in existence the English tradition that the livelier members of the peerage married into the theatre. So one day we learned that Beatrice had wedded young Sir Robert Peel descended from the great 19th century statesman. He was a baronet by succession. Fourteen years later Sir Robert died. There was one son to the marriage, a fact which resulted in Lady Peel having a small boy named Sir Robert Peel for of course they kept alive the name of the great ancestor.

Incidentally Beatrice "did a tour of America as Lady Peel with the result that in a Middle West theatre the audience stood up out of politeness when she came on the stage. Later in the programme when she did a song of lament about an impoverished English lady, intended to be very funny, the kindly American audience was most embarrassed.

Then came the second war and such is the long arm of coincidence that the widowed Beatrice took the house next to mine in St John's Wood. Where once I gazed at her from the box in Nordheimer's Piano and Music Store I could now see her occasionally from my garden.

## Rebel In Her

BUT fate is a relentless thing. Her youthful son was in the Navy when the Hitler war began and was posted to the Battleship HMS Hood. You will remember when the mighty German battleship Bismarck made her valiant and deadly raid into the North Atlantic.

HMS Hood was sent to hunt her down, and by one chance in a thousand at a distance of miles the Bismarck hit the Hood in a vulnerable spot. Something like 1,200 men went to their death, and among them was Beatrice's son.

After the war I called to see her in the flat she had taken in New York. She had studied painting and the walls were festooned with her canvases. Yet strangely enough she was utterly conversant in her choice of subjects. The rebel in her did not extend to canvas.

She is a star that reigns alone in her particular heaven. Her earnings are enormous but when the tax authorities of Britain and the U.S. take their deadly toll I imagine that she has little enough to carry to reserve. If she owned a biscuit factory in either country she could sell it at a profit which would not be taxed. But having only her peculiar gifts to sell she must put up bravely to the tax gatherer.

We have just come home from Beatrice's opening night which I mentioned a few hundred words ago. What a performance! Her supporting cast was weak and the whole responsibility fell on her little shoulders.

She is too good a trouper not to have known that her colleagues were not up to their task. She heard the tepid applause which is almost worse than silence or boing. But in the second half she wound up the show with some twelve songs that brought the London first nighters to their feet.

## Gossamer Touch

SHE can ridicule without hurting, she can satirize without a sting, she can mock a sentimental song yet touch your heart strings, she can romanticize without being maudlin, she can destroy a tradition and yet make you love the very thing she destroys.

The records show that she is 56 years of age. She is not and never was beautiful. She cannot dance and never could. If she acted a serious role in a play the audience would roar with laughter but in a sketch or a song she can summon your tears with a gossamer touch. And although she has only a little voice she does not hesitate to sing twelve songs in succession with the audience shouting for more.

Well, that is my story. Lady Peel is still with us in London although she does not intend to make it an unlimited run. I do not know where her sister is but I am certain that she plays the piano quite well enough to justify the dollar which I invested in her career.

The moral of the tale is obvious. If you have a daughter who can do absolutely nothing, do not discourage her. Some day the world may acclaim her as the queen of ineffectuality—but not until Bea Lillie has abandoned her career.



"CURTAIN UP IN TWO MINUTES!"

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BERIA'S SUCCESSOR  
MORE EFFICIENT

By Hugh Lunghi

I OSOF SWIATLO, a senior official of the Polish Soviet Police before his flight to the West, said recently that the downfall of Beria had made "no difference to Russian police methods in Poland." He added: "Beria's successor is, of anything, more efficient."

Mr Swiatlo was referring to Ivan Aleksandrovich Serov, and having served in a force subordinate to Serov, he should know what he was talking about.

Although the new Soviet rulers were compelled to adopt a milder approach to their own people, they saw clearly, especially after the workers' revolt in Eastern Germany in June 1953, that a relaxation of tension, would create particular dangers for Soviet rule in the satellite countries. What, therefore, could they have chosen as head of their security service? For Serov's career marks him out as the greatest expert in "taking care" of non-Russian nationalities.

Of average height and build, with light hair, he is about 55, and those who know him say he has a nervous but extremely energetic temperament. In his remarkable career he has risen to what is probably the most important executive post in the USSR—Chairman of the State Security Committee under the Council of Ministers, answerable only to the top leadership.

## PROTECTORS

He is one of the few leading officials of the Soviet Secret Police who have survived the upheavals and purges which are an endemic feature of that organization. This is no doubt partly due to the fact that he has always had at least two powerful protectors in the Kremlin—Molotov and Khrushchev.

According to the most prominent postwar Soviet defector, Colonel Tokaev, Serov was brought into Stalin's personal secretariat under the supervision of Malenkov in the late thirties. By 1939, he had reached the rank of Commissioner, 3rd Class, and it was in this capacity that he signed the notorious "Order No. 001233" outlining the procedure to be adopted for the deportation of "politically unreliable elements" from the Baltic States.

In April 1940 he was decorated with the Order of Lenin, and at the same time became chief of the Ukrainian Secret Police. He was also appointed to the Central Committee, and to the Politburo of the Ukrainian Communist Party, thus becoming a colleague of Khrushchev, who had been a member of the Ukrainian Politburo since March 1939.

Early in 1941, Serov was elected a candidate member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet

Union, and in July of the same year he became Deputy Commissioner for Internal Affairs for the whole of Soviet Union.

During the war, as deputy head of the NKVD and Beria's subordinate, Serov was chief executor of the Kremlin's genocide policies. He was in direct control of the operations for rounding up and deporting the Caucasian and Crimean minority nationalities in the autumn and winter of 1943 and the spring and summer of 1944.

For this he had under his command the notorious DON forces. The initials stand for Divlyan Osobovo Nuznachnyy, or "Special Operations Division."

It was not until after the war that the Soviet Government published the decrees which legalized the wholesale deportation of these nationalities to the waste spaces of Siberia and Central Asia. But even before publication, many eyewitnesses who had reached the free world had given graphic descriptions of the callous and brutal manner in which deportation was carried out.

Serov was awarded the Order of Suvorov First Class for his part in these operations. Later he received the title of Hero of the Soviet Union and a second Order of Lenin.

After the war, Serov, with the military rank of Colonel-General, was sent to Germany as "Deputy Chief of Civil Affairs" under Marshal Zhukov. Here he had another job of rounding up to do—in this case, to find and repatriate to the Soviet Union any Soviet nationals who were in Germany, and particularly those who hesitated or refused to return to the Soviet Union.

He was also ordered to "bring over" to the Soviet Union, if necessary by force, any German scientists who were experts in rockets, or guided missiles, atomic scientists. Apart from this, Serov was in charge of Soviet counter-espionage in Germany and responsible for the provision of forced labour for the East German uranium mines.

In 1950 the Soviet Government published the "Historic Decree" launching the "Great Construction" Project of Communism—in other words, the building of canals and hydro-electric stations (in which forced labour was widely used). Serov, now First Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs, played a major part in this programme, and in February 1952 he was awarded a third Order of Lenin.

## CHAIRMAN

After the execution of Beria in December 1953, the Ministry of Internal Affairs was put in charge of Sergei Kruglov. This led many to believe that Kruglov had succeeded Beria. But in April 1954 it was announced that the Department of State Security had been handed over to a committee directly responsible to the Council of Ministers. The chairman of this committee was announced to be Ivan Aleksandrovich Serov.

In the end Serov may go the way of all Communist Secret Police chiefs, but so far he has outlived not only his chief Beria, but also his close associates in the police apparatus. This fact alone testifies to his remarkable capacity for survival, and supports the statement that "Beria's successor is, of anything, more efficient."

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## EYES ON THE BALL



Trainer "Snowy" Buckingham keeps his eyes on the punch ball being battered by British Featherweight Champion Sammy McCarthy during a training session at Thomas a Beckett Gymnasium, Old Kent Road, London. McCarthy is preparing for his title fight with Empire Champion Billy Kelly at B Hlast on January 22.—Reuterphoto.

## TOMORROW'S RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

# England Can Beat Wales At Cardiff Arms Park

By J. R. WATKINS

In a tough race it's best to clear the toughest hurdle first. That's the resolve of England's rugby players. England hold the mythical, but much prized, Triple Crown with France and Wales they are also joint holders of the Home International Championship.

On January 15 they open the defence of both honours with what is likely to prove their toughest match of the season—the clash with Wales at Cardiff Arms Park.

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## SATURDAY'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

# HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TOMORROW

By "RAPIER"

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1955 Annual Racing Carnival, the commencement of which will be signalled by the ringing of the first Saddling Bell at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

It will mean the culmination of weeks of intensive training and active preparation for an occasion which has always been very appropriately regarded as the outstanding sporting event of the year and all roads will lead to the Valley.

The fine weather of the past few days has rendered the grass track hard and if this can be maintained we may confidently expect to witness keen racing.

The day's programme consists of 10 events, most interesting at which will be the Chinese Club Cup for Class 1 ponies and the four sections of the Hopful Stakes which will serve as an introduction for the new Australian Subscription Ponies to the public.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

**FIRST RACE**  
Southern Handicap: From The 1-Mile Post.

The curtain rises with this event for Novice Jockeys which will be given mounts on Class 8 ponies.

In view of its win in the Quarry Bay Handicap for Class 8 ponies at the last meeting with Mr Kwok up over the Champion distance in 2.18.1/5—last quarter 27.4 seconds—Jettie (Mr Scott Chen) will be in most demand.

His closest rivals are Cornhill (Mr T. H. Yau) and Valbridge (Mr Harthrup).

I concede Fox Hunter (Mr S. L. Chan) and Armand (Mr Allan Chan) fair chances of scoring. As an outsider Good Girl (Mr H. K. Cheng) is worth following.

**SECOND RACE**  
Old Course Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Diana (Mr Wei), having hit winning form, can make it two in a row over the Six Furlongs. Attractive Power (Mr Samareq) is good for this distance and will take a lot of beating.

Highlight (Mr Drayton) also has been very consistent of late and has a chance of success. Panchitos (Mr H. K. Chuang) and Hiram C (Mr Rennie) are fit enough and could cause an upset here.

**THIRD RACE**  
Hopful Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

Judging from training performances I regard as about the best amongst the entries of the new lot of Australian ponies, from among which the winner will come, Mascot (Mr Rennie), Chatterbox (Mr Samareq), Ivan-Ho (Mr Ostroumoff), Quicksilver (Mr Wei), Empire Rose (Mr Chun Kit) and Flamingo (Mr Oliveira).

With Mascot, Mr Rennie has a great opportunity of winning this race, but it may expect strong opposition from either Chatterbox or Ivan-Ho, both of which are capable of making a race of it.

Quicksilver, Empire Rose and Flamingo are also considered good enough to extend those named above, and may cause an upset.

**FOURTH RACE**  
Eastern Handicap: From 11-1/2-Mile Post.

This sprint event is confined to Class 1 ponies.

Hurry On, ridden by Mr Kwok, won the Stanley Bay Handicap at the Third Race Meeting over this distance, carrying 145 lbs. It will again be taken out by Mr Kwok tomorrow, and with the weight up by 10 lbs., I consider its prospects of scoring another win rather bright.

Precious Mine (Mr H. K. Cheng) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset. How Do I Know (Mr H. C. Woo) is not bad over this distance and can be depended upon to give the above two ponies a good run for the first position.

Shawlin Moon (Mr H. K. Hung) is another pony to bear in mind as it is fast over sprint events and, if given a good start, should be very near at the finish if it does not actually win.

**FIFTH RACE**  
Hopful Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

I expect to see the following fighting out the finish in this race: Lightning Feet (Mr Wei), Jemima P (Mr Ostroumoff), Violet Ray (Mr Samareq) and Grass-Hopper (Mr Albert Lam).

Lightning Feet has responded very well in training under Mr Wei and in certain quarters it is strongly fancied to win.

On the other hand, Jemima P, which did the mile in 2.04.1—last quarter 28.4 seconds—on January 7, should have something to say at the finish.

The fact that Violet Ray will be ridden by Mr Samareq is enough to suggest that this pony is sure to be near towards the end, while Grass-Hopper, is quite capable of extending those named above.

**SIXTH RACE**  
Chinese Club Cup: 1 1/4 Miles.

This is the main event of the day and will be contested by Class 1 ponies.

His closest rivals are Cornhill (Mr T. H. Yau) and Valbridge (Mr Harthrup).

I concede Fox Hunter (Mr S. L. Chan) and Armand (Mr Allan Chan) fair chances of scoring. As an outsider Good Girl (Mr H. K. Cheng) is worth following.

**SEVENTH RACE**  
Hopful Stakes (Third Section): One Mile.

A perusal of the entries in this race for the third section of the new Australian Sols, gives me the impression that one need not look further than Snow-Dance (Mr Wei) to win.

Santa Maria (Mr Alex Lam), in view of its form in training, is a good second choice, and I will not be surprised to see it give Snow-Dance a good fight to the end.

Winsome Stag (Mr H. K. Chuang) should have no difficulty in taking the third position.

As an outsider I suggest Bashful H (Mr Oliveira).

**EIGHTH RACE**  
Old Course Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Amongst the entries for this race I like the chances of Fighting Spirit (Mr K. Shih), Ringway (Mr Plumby), Speedy Roger (Mr Kwok) and Perfectibility (Mr K. F. Chiu).

Fighting Spirit came in second in the Galway Handicap from the 1 1/2-Mile Post at the last meeting. I consider its prospects of scoring a win rather bright.

The main challenge should come from Ringway which is quite at home over this distance and should not be ignored.

Then there is Speedy Roger to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Perfectibility may probably extend the others.

**NINTH RACE**  
Hopful Stakes (Fourth Section): One Mile.

In this race the following should attract the most attention—Avion (Mr H. H. Chan), Mirasol (Mr Samareq), Five-Gold (Mr Yen), Long Cue (Mr Kwok) and The Champ (Mr Chiu).

Avion is greatly fancied in view of its convincing gallop over Six Furlongs in 1.27.4—last quarter 29—on January 1.

But, on the other hand, Mirasol is also known to have done a good gallop over the mile distance.

Five Gold should have something to say at the finish. Long Cue and The Champ are good but I am afraid they are

## Malayans Pick Peng Soon

Singapore, Jan. 13.

Malayan Badminton Champion Wong Peng Soon was today voted "Malaya's Sportsman of 1954" by readers of an English language newspaper, the Singapore Free Press.

The voters claimed that the badminton "wizard" saved Malaya's reputation as the leading badminton country in the world when Indonesian champion Ferry Sonneville invaded Singapore and the Federation of Malaya last year.







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# Nuclear Congress Projected In United States

New York, Jan. 13.

Twelve groups representing more than 250,000 American scientists, engineers and industrialists, today announced a projected nuclear congress and atomic exposition "looking toward industrial uses of the atom to benefit all mankind."

Its basic objective is to start a continuing programme of information, interchange on applications of nuclear science by the engineer in industry, agriculture, medicine and the public welfare.

"This is one of the most lively young industries just bursting forth from its confines," said Dr. John R. Dunning, Dean of Engineering at Columbia University, in a Press conference announcing the Congress.

"This field has more or less sprung full bloom in less than a decade whereas other industrial fields took 100 years or so to develop," he continued. "It opens a whole new era for American industry. The Congress symbolizes the opening of an age for free development by scientists and engineers."—United Press.

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# Camera Might Curb Italian M.P.'s. Tempers

Rome, Jan. 13.

The prying, impersonal eye of a cine-camera is being suggested in Italy as a possible curb on the violent tempers of many Members of Parliament.

The suggestion comes from Signor Achille Marazza, a 60-year-old Christian Democrat member of the Chamber of Deputies (Lower House of Parliament) who is campaigning against the all-too-frequent fist-fights in both the Chamber and Senate.

Signor Marazza told reporters recently that he thought the installation of one or more cine-cameras in the two Houses might discourage members from starting a fight.

"The knowledge that their every move was being recorded might act as an effective brake on the impulsiveness of the Honourable Members," Signor Marazza declared.

"The cameras, set in motion at a nod from the President, would also serve another purpose. When acts of violence do occur, the House would have a complete and reliable record of exactly what happened and could then attribute individual responsibilities."

### INCREASED PENALTIES

Signor Marazza is also studying the desirability of increasing the penalties on Deputies and Senators who provoke or start fights in Parliament.

He thinks that the present maximum penalty of exclusion from 10 sittings, a punishment inflicted very rarely indeed, is too light.

He also considers that guilty Deputies and Senators should be forced to contribute towards any repairs necessary after a battle.

Damage estimated at 2,000,000 lire (about 2,150) was caused in the august Senate in March 1953 after one of the most furious clashes between Communists, Centre party members and Neo-Fascists in Italian Parliamentary history.

The battle began when a Christian Democrat member, Giuseppe Togni, speaking during a Foreign Affairs debate, accused a number of Communists of having been Fascist spies during the Mussolini regime.

**SITTING SUSPENDED**  
On that occasion, fists were used freely, kicks were given and received, a few Deputies were bitten.

For 20 minutes the Chamber was pandemonium. Finally the ushers managed to separate the fighters and the President suspended the sitting.

The last blow was credited to Communist woman deputy, Carla Capponi, who gave Signor Togni a glancing blow on the ear as he left the Chamber after the sitting was suspended.

Fourteen deputies and three ushers were injured.

All Italian newspapers next day deplored the "degradation of Parliament resulting from such frenzied, irresponsible incidents."

Nine days later, two Communists were suspended for seven sessions and another Communist and a Neo-Fascist were formally censured for their parts in the battle—the first such punishment inflicted on Deputies since the war.

After this battle, Signor Marazza, a member of Parliament since 1945 and a former Labour Minister, declared:

"It is imperative that steps be taken to avoid repetition of such incidents."

**ONLY WEAPON**  
"First of all, I think the principle should be established that the spoken word should be the only weapon of persuasion in Parliament."

"If we do not believe in this, we might as well send professional pugilists to Parliament and let them operate on the principle that the right who has the hardest fist," China Mail Special.

### ISRAELI PRISONER COMMITS SUICIDE

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.

The United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission announced today that an Israeli soldier, one of five captured by Syria since December 8, had committed suicide early today in a Syrian prison, just 24 hours after the Commission had recommended that Syria release all five.

An Israeli military spokesman said Syria had captured an Israeli soldier, one of five, and an Israeli prisoner to the Gaza Strip, and that the body had been found in a Syrian prison.

## ABO TRACKER DIES

Darwin, Jan. 13.

Smiler Feto, Australia's "human bloodhound" who saved the lives of many shot down flyers during the war, has died. It was learned here today.

Smiler, an Aboriginal tracker, led rescue teams time after time to airmen hopelessly lost in swamp and jungle in the Northern Territories.

He tracked the pilot of an American Kitty Hawk shot down by a Japanese Zero fighter to a tree in the middle of a mangrove swamp where the airmen had been trapped for two whole days and nights.

The grateful American Air Force flew Smiler back to South Australia to visit his wife, who was evacuated from the North.

After the war the Australian Government granted him a pension.—China Mail Special.

## 'Petrol War' In Switzerland

Berne, Jan. 13.

Petrol is now being sold in Switzerland at four different prices by the main retailers.

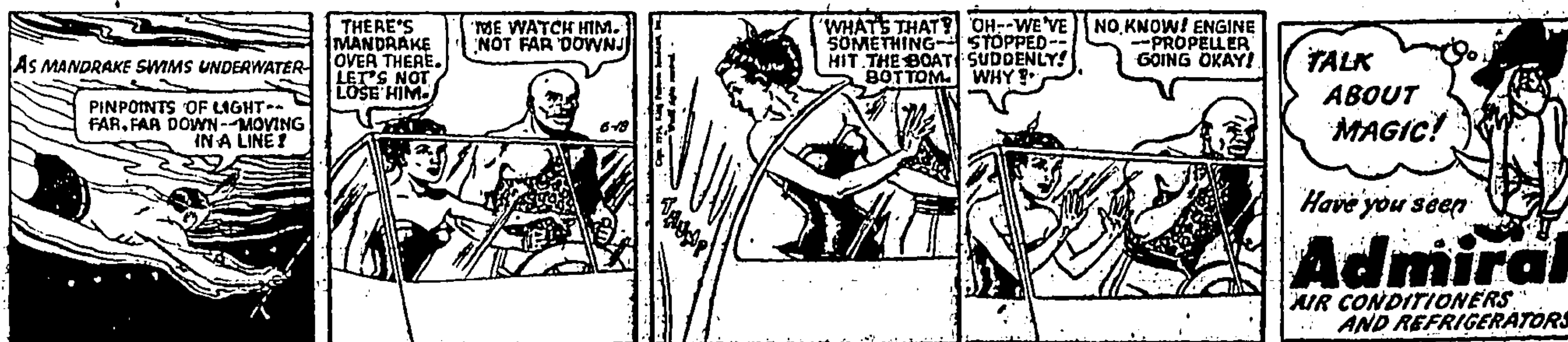
This is the latest result of a "petrol war" declared by a newly-founded company which undercuts the big firms which had maintained a common price for the last 20 years.

After some weeks of chaos, the big firms reduced their price to meet the competition of the "petrol" pumps, which still hold a slight advantage in some towns.

Prices are now staggered, according to transport costs and the strength of the opposition.—Router.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



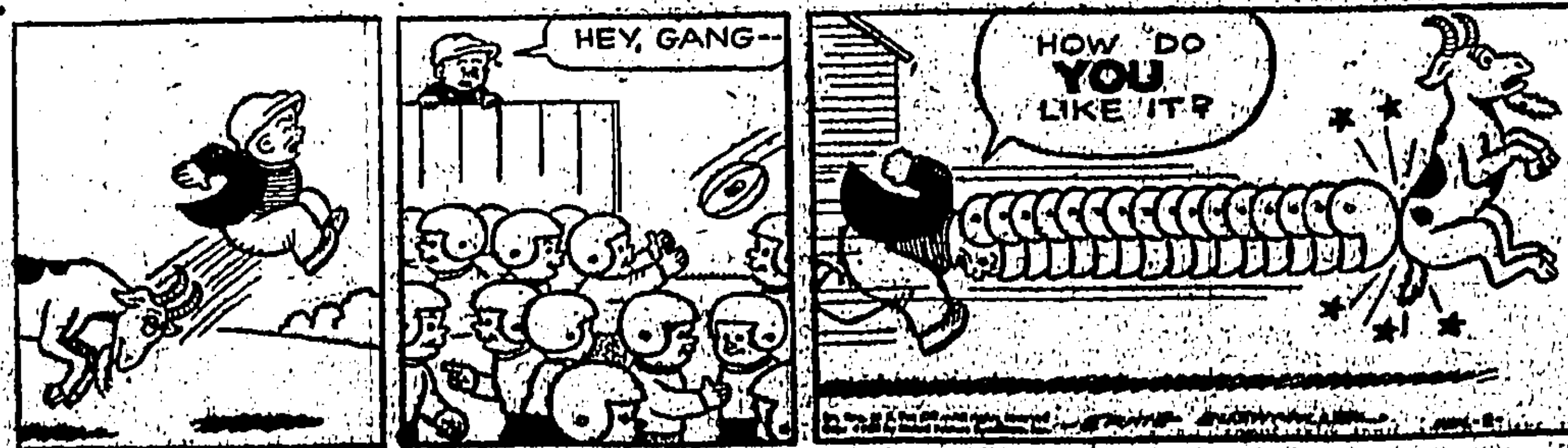
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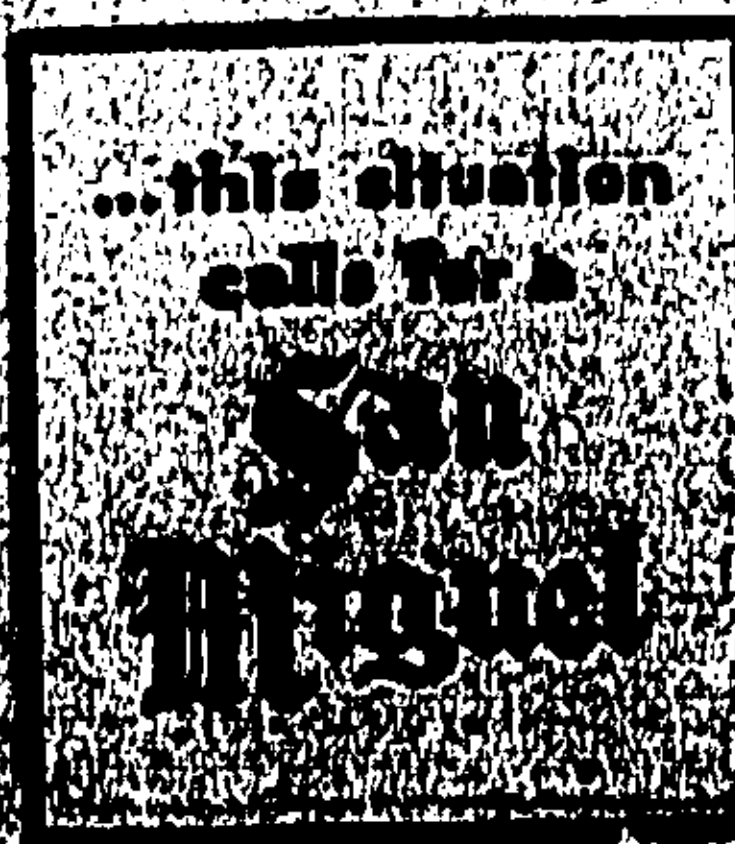
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